

PUBLIC ACTS, 1999

CHAPTER NO. 240

SENATE BILL NO. 346

By Dixon, Harper, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1250

By Maddox, Winningham, McMillan, Jackson, Stulce, Kent, Ronnie Davis, Fitzhugh, Ferguson, Cooper, Fraley, Roach, McKee

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, relative to the department of education and safe schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-214, is amended by redesignating the existing section as subsection (a) and by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subsections:

() The Department of Education may prepare and distribute to local education agencies guidelines for incorporating into local staff development and in-service training the materials and speakers necessary to help educators reduce gang and individual violence, to assist in drug and alcohol abuse prevention, and to provide educators with the tools for nonintrusive identification of potentially violent individuals in and around schools. The department may, upon request, assist local education agencies in developing comprehensive violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention in-service training programs. Department guidelines shall encourage the sharing of resources, the development of joint or collaborative programs, and the coordination of efforts with local health departments, county and city law enforcement agencies, and other public agencies providing health, drug, alcohol, gang violence prevention and other related services.

() The department may assist local education agencies in qualifying for the receipt of federal and state funds that may support local efforts to provide the in-service training programs in this section. The department shall encourage local education agencies to provide written materials to assist teachers and parents working to develop a safe and secure learning environment in system schools. Within available resources, the department may provide technical assistance directly to local education agencies seeking to expand teacher and student safety programs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

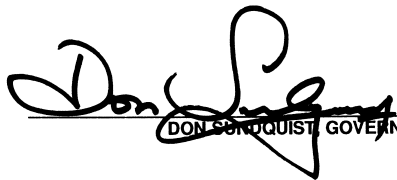
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PASSED: May 20, 1999


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of May 1999


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